

### **In the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 21 with the following:

Among the challenges associated with data storage devices and data storage device assembly processes are cost effective techniques for the presentation of the information storage disc during the assembly process. To minimize the exposure of information storage discs to contaminants and handling damage during the production process, it has been found useful to contain the discs within the disc shipping cassettes. However, under prior production processes, an operator would prepare the disc shipping cassettes for use in the production process by ~~deliding~~ delidding the cassette and positioning the cassette for use. At times operators would prematurely delid the cassettes, or cause an untimely delay in the supply of the information storage discs, or mishandle the cassettes during the ~~deliding~~ delidding operation causing damage to the information discs, or fail to replace the lid on empty cassette caddies, or damage either the lid or the caddy while replacing the lid on the caddy.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 17 with the following:

The sliding conveyor assembly 172 includes a first extensible slide assembly 174 secured to the feed-in conveyor 142 for extending a sliding conveyor section 176 into alignment with the staging conveyor section 156. A support plate 178 is preferably attached to the first extensible slide assembly 174 to provide structural support for the sliding conveyor section 176, and a pneumatically controlled disc cassette retention device 180, responsive to a ~~pneumatically~~ pneumatic cylinder 182 working in conjunction with an electronic control sensor 184 facilitates a controlled advancement of the disc cassette 144

from the sliding conveyor assembly 172 to the staging conveyor section 156.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 22 with the following:

The grip and rotate assembly 154 shown by FIG. 3 includes[[,]] an actuator support plate 214 secured to the caddy elevator 152, which is sized to support the mass of the caddy portion 146 during rotation and indexing of the caddy portion 146. Preferably, a caddy positioned electronic sensor 216 detects presence of the caddy portion 146 within the grip and rotate assembly 154 and a linear over-travel slide 218 secured to the actuator support plate 214 precludes damage to the disc during indexing of the caddy portion 146.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 3 with the following:

FIG. 4 shows a preferred disc presentation process 300 commencing at start step 302 and ~~continues~~ continuing at process step 304 by positioning a disc cassette (such as 144) on a feed-in conveyor (such as 142). At process step 306, the disc cassette is metered onto a sliding conveyor assembly (such as 172), which shuttles the disc cassette between the feed-in conveyor and the delidder assembly at process step 308. The disc cassette, with a caddy portion (such as 146) confining a disc (such as 110) is located relative to a delidder assembly (such as 148) for removal of a lid portion (such as 150) from the caddy portion of the disc cassette by the delidder assembly at process step 310.